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CHICKEN HATCHINGS AND POULTRY SLAUGHTERINGS

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Details of chicken hatchings and poultry slaughterings in South Australia for the months of July to September 1966 and for the year ended 30th June 1966 have been compiled from returns submitted by all known South Australian commercial hatchers and slaughterers. Although the figures may not cover some very small producers, it is considered that the statistics give a high level of coverage of hatchings and slaughterings of meat strain chickens and of hatchings of egg strain chicks in commercial hatcheries which sell day-old chicks.

Particulars of poultry slaughtered are given in the following table.

TABLE 1 - POULTRY SLAUGHTERED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION (a)

| Period | Chickens (i.e. Broilers, Fryers, or Roasters) | Hens and Stags | Ducks and Drakes | Turkeys | Total |
|--|--|----------------------|------------------------|---------|--------|
| NUMBER SLAUGHTERED ('000) | | | | | |
| 1965-66: Total | 2,716 | 197 | 52 | 20 | 2,985 |
| 1966-67: July | 275 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 295 |
| August | 300 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 319 |
| September | 279 | 21 | 3 | 2 | 305 |
| LIVE WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb.) | | | | | |
| 1965-66: Total | 8,553 | 970 | 304 | 257 | 10,084 |
| 1966-67: July | 885 | 62 | 17 | 62 | 1,026 |
| August | 943 | 59 | 17 | 74 | 1,093 |
| September | 910 | 108 | 17 | 22 | 1,057 |
| DRESSED WEIGHT OF POULTRY SLAUGHTERED ('000 lb.) (b) | | | | | |
| 1965-66: Total | 6,447 | 653 | 209 | 187 | 7,496 |
| 1966-67: July | 665 | 42 | 12 | 47 | 766 |
| August | 713 | 40 | 13 | 56 | 822 |
| September | 693 | 74 | 12 | 17 | 796 |

(a) Excludes geese slaughtered (444 geese with live weight of 3,979 lb. and dressed weight of 2,795 lb. were slaughtered during 1965-66).

(b) Dressed weight of whole birds, pieces and giblets as reported by producers.

The numbers of eggs set and chicks hatched in commercial hatcheries are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2 - EGGS SET AND CHICKS HATCHED IN COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

| Particulars | 1965 - 66 | JULY 1966 | AUGUST 1966 | SEPTEMBER 1966 |
|--|-----------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | '000 | | | |
| Eggs set, including eggs which failed to hatch - | | | | |
| Meat strains | 5,089 | 480 | 485 | 495 |
| Egg strains | 4,464 | 887 | 1,103 | 852 |
| Total eggs | 9,553 | 1,367 | 1,588 | 1,347 |
| Chicks hatched (a) and intended to be raised for - | | | | |
| Chicken meat - | | | | |
| Meat strains - unsexed | 3,501 | 337 | 374 | 352 |
| Egg strains(b) - crossbred and other cockerels | 274 | 19 | 41 | 41 |
| Egg production - | | | | |
| Egg strains (b) - pullets | 1,525 | 259 | 371 | 385 |
| Breeding - | | | | |
| Egg strains - pullets | 70 | 27 | 23 | 9 |
| cockerels | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Total chicks (c) | 5,378 | 644 | 811 | 790 |

(a) Excluding chicks destroyed.

(b) Egg strain chicks sold as "unsexed" have been allocated equally between chicks for chicken meat and chicks for egg production. The number so reported was 24,200 for September 1966.

(c) Excludes meat strain chicks for breeding purposes, details of which are not available for publication.

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